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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF, TH
SUBJ: UNHCR CLASSIFICATION OF REFUGEES

REF: A) BANGKOK 19104; B) STATE 204849; C) BANGKOK 19033

1. IVOR JACKSON OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT OF UNHCR HEADQUARTERS IN GENEVA CALLED ON ME AUGUST 29. CESAR BERTA, THE LOCAL UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE, ACCOMPANIED HIM. JACKSON WHO IS HERE TO NEGOTIATE REFUGEE DEFINITION POINTED OUT THAT THE INTERNATIONALLY AGREED DEFINITION OF A REFUGEE WAS CLEAR, BUT THAT THE INTERPRETATION IS FLEXIBLE. HE CITED CASES WHERE INDIVIDUALS FROM EASTERN EUROPE ENTERED AUSTRIA BECUASE OF ECONOMIC DEPRIVATION AT HOME, BUT ON HUMANITARIAN GROUDS WERE NOT RETURNABLE TO THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. BERTH, REITERATING HIS VIEWS ON ECONOMIC NON-REFUGEES, CONTENTED THAT REFUGEES IN CERTAIN THAI CAMPS ADJACENT TO THE LAO BORDER TRAVEL BACK AND FORTH, AND THAT OTHERS OCCASIONALLY TOOK THEIR PLACE IN ORDER TO GET UNHCR HANDOUTS.

2. DRAWING ON REF B , I MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE U.S. WOULD HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY SEPARATING OUT ECONOMIC FROM POLITICAL
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REFUGEES. IN PRESENT SITUATION, WE BELIEVE WHATEVER THE ORIGINAL MOTIVATION, ANY ATTEMPT TO SO CLASSIFY REFUGEES COULD LEAD TO FORCIBLE REPATRIATION WHICH WE OPPOSE.
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